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Dear Sirs,

We are sure you are familiar with some of the pioneering activities of the Indian National Recreation Association during the past 10 years which have paved the way for planning to meet the recreational needs of the people of India. Through its net work of State Associations, affiliates and many enthusiastic individuals, it has helped to focus the attention of the people in general and of the Union and State Governments in particular on the importance of recreation in the lives of people in the present-day-world and the imperative need for a well organised programme of recreation for the country as a whole. The Indian National Recreation Association has taken credit for making some significant contributions to the world recreation movement so generously acknowledged by the International Recreation Association from time to time and widely acclaimed. Nevertheless INDIA is far behind many other countries of Asia in the matter of organisation of leisure time activities.

Recreation is part and parcel of good living for the individual, the family, the community and the nation. It contributes to the health, happiness, relaxation, morale, self expression, satisfaction, family solidarity, efficiency at work, community spirit, democratic way of life and national integration. It is a vital factor in the education and training of children, youth and adults for their social responsibilities. People need recreation every day throughout life.

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Motto of the Association — Joy Through Recreation

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The social dynamics of INDIA as a developing country, necessitate the establishment of recreation at all levels and in this task, the Government, voluntary organisations and the public should work in close collaboration.

There is more leisure for every one in the 20th century, thanks to great developments in science and technology. Urban population everywhere is increasing rapidly day by day; there are well established agencies to teach recreation skills to people; most people have more money in their hands these days and above all there is an intense desire on the part of the rich and the poor, the young and the old alike to have a richer and fuller life through recreation.

National Recreation Association in many countries of the world are powerful bodies enjoying the fullest support of their respective Governments, which gives a new meaning and direction to the concept of 'Recreation'. India with its rich and colourful cultural heritage, where singing and dancing are part of every day life, has indeed a contribution to make to the global recreation movement which has virtually 'encompassed the world today. Leading industrial and commercial establishments form the backbone of the National Recreation Associations in most countries and it is their generous financial support that gives National Associations stability and strength. The activities of National Associations in many countries are expanding fast and are reaching an ever-widening circle of people including the physically and socially handicapped sections of the population. It is our earnest desire that our National Recreation Association should also be strong in every sense of the term and we, therefore, appeal to you to kindly extend your whole-hearted support to the Association in all its diverse activities and join us in the adventure of organising recreation throughout the country on strong foundations, so that our country also can play a meaningful role in world recreation movement worthy of its great traditions.

The Indian National Recreation Association is proposing to hold an International Recreation Congress in India in March, 1969 with the active and assured support of the International Recreation Association and many National Associations in Asia

and Europe. There is a somewhat similar Recreation Congress in Japan late in October this year to which we have received an invitation. The host organisation has, in every case, to make elaborate arranagements for the Congress, particularly hospitality for visiting delegates and we are confident that men of goodwill in this country who believe in the recreation as an aid to human happiness, will extend their unstinted support to the INRA and make the International meet a great success.

A copy of the Constitution, rules and regulations of our Association together with the latest report and statements of account will be sent to you shortly trusting that you will kindly agree to become a sustaining member under the appropriate category and meanwhile will you kindly favour us with a generous donation and thus help us in the important task of promotion of recreation in India and more particularly for holding the International Conference. Nothing would please us more than your own participation either as a delegate or observer in the Congress which is scheduled to be held from 22nd March to 28th March, 1969 at Bangalore, which will give you an opportunity for exchange of views and courtesies with leaders of the world recreation movement from many countries of the world for profit and pleasure.

Cordially yours,

For THE INDIAN NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION,

(P. I. JOSEPH),

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